

The Standard.
Wednesday, April 3, 1872.

The San Juan Question.

The nearer the vexed question as to the ownership of the island of San Juan approaches a solution the greater will be the public interest in reference thereto. The whole question, as viewed by both the Governments of England and the United States, is now in the hands of the Emperor of Germany, to whom has been referred the question for final adjustment. If we were to credit all we hear and read about the matter from American sources, we should conclude that England does not stand the most remote chance of getting it—that her claim is really not worth the paper it is written upon, and that the Emperor William has already intimated to certain "distinguished Americans," who have been honored by a personal interview with the old gentleman, that it was his intention to give the island to Uncle Sam. Those who know the innate propensity of our American consuls to bluster and brag, will pay but little attention to such stories; it pleases them and don't hurt anybody else; so they are welcome to indulge their gasconading proclivities, while the British are quietly abiding the issue, satisfied that they have a righteous cause, and hence confident of success. Were we to write columns on the subject, we could not unfold a new idea in reference to the question, inasmuch as it has been, during the past twelve or thirteen years, examined and discussed by both parties in every conceivable shape that national and intellectual ingenuity could suggest, and for that reason we think it scarcely worth while to enlarge upon a subject already worn threadbare, and upon which people who feel any interest in the issue already have their minds fully made up as to how the question should be settled, whether the German Emperor shall see fit to settle it or not. The English press is also just now ventilating the question, and the calm, argumentative way in which they deal with it contrasts most favorably with the arrogant, bullying tone evinced by much the larger portion of American journalists. We give the following extract, from a late number of the London Standard, as a specimen of the spirit in which the subject is handled, rather than as presenting any feature that can be considered original.

"The importance of the pending arbitration on the Alabama claims has a tendency to distract public attention from the other branches of the great Anglo-American law suit. A telegram from Berlin, however, which has been published, cannot but exact the curiosity of all who are even slightly acquainted with the subject to which it relates. The Emperor of Germany is the arbitrator appointed to settle the long standing San Juan dispute, and it is now announced that the memoranda of both the English and American Governments in reference to this difficulty have been placed in his hands. As the United States' case in respect to the Alabama claims has been made public through the medium of the New York press, it is possible that we may be long to be made acquainted with the nature of the claims now advanced on San Juan. To all students of American diplomacy this minor case will have an interest only second to that referred to the German Commissioner. As for the magnitude of the interests at stake, the San Juan question is one of far inferior importance to that on which the Alabama arbitration must turn; but in its bearings on international justice the far Western dispute is worthy of attentive examination. The rights of this case are intricate, but to any one who will trace them to their source they are even clearer than those of the Alabama controversy. Rarely has any country been called upon to submit to an aggression so entirely unwarrantable in its nature as that to which the government of Great Britain has been subjected by the attempt of the Americans to claim to the island cannot be fully understood without reference to the negotiations which preceded the treaty of 1842, settled on behalf of this country by Lord Ashburton. Exactly as the Maine boundary dispute grew out of the ambiguity of the treaty of 1789 so did the San Juan dispute arise from the imperfect definition of the northwestern boundary by the treaty of 1842. When Lord Ashburton's treaty was signed, the hydrography of the channel separating Vancouver Island from the mainland of America was imperfectly known. From the wording of the treaty it might be supposed that the negotiators were under the impression that an open water lay between the mainland and Vancouver. The boundary was appointed to proceed along the middle of the channel, separating Vancouver's Island from the mainland; but nothing was said of the minor islands with which that channel is studded. San Juan is the most important of these, and the question is whether the boundary is to be traced east or west of it. Roughly, the American contention is as follows: The general northwestern boundary is the parallel of forty-nine degrees north latitude. But when this was agreed on, England intended that it should not cut off from her possessions the southern end of Vancouver's Island, which it does. The Americans contend that this being the only object with which the line was deflected, it is unfair to say that it shall be held to give Great Britain any miscellaneous islands to the southward of the forty-ninth parallel. But the fact is this.

San Juan is as much a dependency of Vancouver's Island as the Isle of Wight is a dependency of England. Its possession makes it, in a military view, the key of the only passage which leads to the capital of Vancouver's Island. In an enemy's hands it would seal up that capital. Our claims, by reference to the literal wording of the treaty of 1842, is equally strong. The boundary, as we say, is appointed to proceed along the channel separating Vancouver's Island from the main land. The only channel navigated at the time the treaty was made—the only channel, it has been contended, which was known to exist at that time—was the channel which would give San Juan to England. To quote the evidence on these points would involve us in a long treatise on the question, and passing over them, we will merely direct the attention of people who care to study them to a consideration which should not be overlooked. The adoption of the forty-ninth parallel in 1842 as the boundary was in itself a huge concession from this country to America. Our moral right at that time to the greater part of the country which is now Washington Territory was irresistible, and the Americans only obtained it by means of the policy which has always governed their diplomacy with this country—by making enormous claims in defiance of justice and common sense, so that at last, when the time for compromise arrived, they were sure to be on the safe side. The rights of the British Government to the Columbia river will be seen by any one who studies the record of Lord Ashburton's negotiations to have been really established."

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THE NORTH PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP
California.

CAPTAIN JOHN HAYES.
Will sail from Port Townsend for Portland on Saturday, April 6th.
Passengers will embark on board the steamer North Pacific, on Friday morning, April 5th, at 4 o'clock, from Portland. A. C. HARRIS & CO. will connect with the California at Port Townsend.
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to be seen at my office on Kane street, where
orders will be received till 5 P. M., on Tuesday, the 3rd day of April, for the erection of a Plastering Shop for the Wesleyan Mission, at Sumas, B. C.
The lowest or best workmanship accepted.
THOS. TROUBERT, Architect.
Victoria, V. I., 30th March, 1872.

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HAVING SOLD MY SODA WATER
Business to Messrs. Greenwood and Morley, who will sell the same, I hereby certify that all business done by me in connection with the above business is hereby transferred to them, and I am not responsible for any business done by them after the 1st day of April, 1872.
Dated March 26th, 1872.
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CHARLES ORRER.
Comox, 6th March, 1872.

Ex Prince Alfred.

COAL OIL—Vesta Brand.

MESS PORK—In Barrels.

BUTTER—In Firkins.

For Sale in lots to Suit Purchasers, by
Welch, Rickett & Co.

New Advertisements.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency
THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR,
A GRAND
FETE AND BAZAAR!

Will take place at the
New Convent for the Benefit
of the
ORPHANS,
On May 1, 1872.

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J. CROSSEN

AT THE
Variety Store.

YATES STREET, near DOUGLAS.
Offers his Entire Stock at Auction Prices
to Close, as Follows:

Gentlemen's Clothing,
Youth's and Boy's Clothing
Underclothing,
Hosiery,
Silks and Poppings,
Ladies' and Children's
Blankets and Pillow,
2,000 pairs Boots, Shoes and Gaiters, for Gentlemen,
Ladies, Misses and Children,
11 doz. Boys' and Men's Hats,
Ladies' Bonnets and Gipsy Hats,
50 doz Pocket Outfitters and Hardware,
Cooking Utensils, and Plasterware,
Crockery, Dishes, and Glassware,
Looking Glasses, all sizes,
Pictorial Albums, and Picture Frames,
Patent Trunks and Tramping Trunks,
Window Shades and Blinds,
1000 other articles too numerous to mention.
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VICTORIA NURSERY AND SEED
ESTABLISHMENT.

Have their New and Carefully Selected Stock of

Farm and Garden Seeds,

NOW READY FOR SALE.

Their stock of Clovers; Rye, Orchard, Kentucky Blue, Red Top, and other Grasses; Turnips, &c., are this Season EXTRA FINE, and will be sold at a reduction on former quotations of 20 to 25 per cent.

All Seeds Tested before sent out.

Seed Store, Occidental Buildings, Fort street.

PIONEER SEED STORE.

Yates Street, Victoria.

JAY & CO.,

Have now Ready for sale a large and fresh stock of

AGRICULTURAL, GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS.

Including many fresh introductions to the Colony, amongst which are

SUTTON'S RED SKIN FLOWERBALL—The heaviest cropping and best

Cooking late Potatoes. Seed of the

GIANT ROCCA ONION—The largest in Cultivation.

CARTER'S GIANT SCARLET RUNNER.

WHEELER'S EARLY COCOANUT CABBAGE.

ROBINSON'S PRIZE OX CABBAGE.

LAXTON'S ALPHA PEA—A new blue wrinkled marrow, first early.

LAXTON'S SUPREME PEA—As early as Daniel O'Rourke's very large pods.

LAXTON'S PROLIFIC EARLY LONG POD PEA—A second early first class.

A Large Stock of EARLY ROSE, BECKES PROLIFIC, EARY HARRISON and other leading sorts of early Potatoes.

RIGHT THROUGH TO THE SPRING 1872 SPRING!

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CUNNINGHAM & HANKIN.

Commission & Forwarding
Merchants.

Port Eslington, Mouth of Skeena River, and
Hastings, Forks.

GOODS AND PASSENGERS FOR-
warded with dispatch on the arrival of each
steamer from Victoria, at the lowest rates.
C. & H. having their own Boats and Crews, offer facilities to Shippers that no other parties can.

In connection with their forwarding business they have at Eslington and Hastings, in which they have the most extensive assortment of

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, CLOTHING, &
MINING EQUIPMENTS

of every kind will be sold at the smallest remunerative rates. Miners will also find every accommodation in their

RESTAURANT

in which meals equal to those that can be obtained in any Hotel in Victoria, can be had.
Persons visiting this section of the country will do well to visit us, as the fullest information on every subject connected with the mines can be obtained.
In connection with the business C. & H. have also a Pack Train on the Indian Portage.
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CUNNINGHAM & HANKIN,
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A Bar stocked with the best Brands of Liquors is attached to both their stores.

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that they are prepared to supply them with all necessities for their journey; the price and quality taken into consideration, second to none in the Province.

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Mouth of the Skeena.

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The answer is General, at the

New England Bakery,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

ON AND AFTER THE 26th INSTANT,
We shall

Increase the Weight of our
LOAVES

Owing to the Duty being Remitted on
FLOUR!

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Gungner & Lady Lampson,

A General Assortment of

Merchandise,

COMPRISING:

CROCKERY & CHINAWARE,

A Complete Assortment,

BROWN EARTHENWARE WATER

BOTTLES.

GLASSWARE—Cut Decanters, Tumblers, Goblets, Bar Tumblers, Ale Glasses, Champagne Glasses, Claret Glasses, Sherries, Ports, and Celery Glasses, Centre Stands, Jelly Glasses, Custard Cups, Dishes, Jugs, Vases, Sagers, Creams, But ere, Salts, Cruet Bottles, Candy Jars, &c.

FISH GLOBES.

COAL OIL LAMPS

AND FITTINGS.

CARPETS— Brussels, Tapestry, 2 & 3

Ply Kidder, Felt, Stair Carpets.

Hearth Rugs & Door Mats,

Floor Oil Cloth,

ALL WIDTHS.

PLATEDWARE—Cruets, a variety,

Table and Desserts Spoons and Forks, Soup Ladles, Tea Services, &c.

CUTLERY—Ivory and Bone Handle

Knives, common Knives and Forks, Butcher's Knives and Steels, Pocket Knives, Sheath Knives &c.

DRY GOODS—Flannels, Sheetings,

Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, Merinos, Table Damask, Tweeds, Prints, Table Covers, Bed Ticks, Dress Stuffs, Blankets, Quilts, Russel Cord, Dress Stuff, &c.

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A Large and Choice Selection.

SUNDRIES—Oval Pots, Saucepans,

Sew Pans, Maslin Kettles, Tea and Coffee Pots, Cook's Lattices and Tormenters, Stair Rods, China Picture Nails, Trunk Locks, Chest Locks, Padlocks, Sad Irons, Frying Pans, Strap Hinges, Potatoes Forks, Hay Forks, Garden and Ray Rakes, Shovels, Spades, Galvanized Buckets, Hand Saws, Planes, Files, Chisels, and other Tools, Wire and Plated Dish Covers, Engravings, Looking Glasses, Mirrors, Slop Pans, Femiers and Fire Irons, Coal Hods, Butter Moulds, Butter Bows, (burns), Potatoes Mashers, Rolling Pins, Cedar Pans and Tubs, Whitewash Brushes, Feather Dusters, Clothes and Market Baskets, Children's Chairs, Axes, Nails, Twine, Clothes Lines, Washboards, Cross Cut Saws, Meat Saws, Pick and Axe Handles, Boilers 15 to 20 gallons, &c.

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For star California from Portland—2440
bore rules, 1 tonner water wheel, 22 lbs
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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, April 2nd.
The House met at 2 o'clock,
and—The Hon. the Speaker
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